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Title: Regarding speedy completion of Hubbali-Chikkajajur railway line in Karnataka.

SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI (DHARWAD) : The 190 km Hubbali-Chikkajajur railway line has been sanctioned by the Ministry of Railways and funds have already been sanctioned for it and the work is in progress. But the time-frame fixed to complete this project is being stretched to 2021. In the era of technological advances and faster pace of development under the visionary guidance of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the time-frame given for this project is too long. Hence, I urge the Government to speed up the process and finish it by 2019 for the convenience of the people.

I also urge the Government to make provision for Gatimaan Express between Hubballi and Bengaluru for better connectivity between the two major stations of Karnataka and make travel convenient for the commuters of this region.